

REMARKS

By this amendment, applicant has amended the specification to provide antecedent basis for the subject matter of claim 14. This amendment is supported by original claim 14.

Applicant has also amended the claims to more clearly define his invention. In particular, claims 2 - 11 and 13 - 16 have been amended to overcome the objection to claims 2 - 16 from the middle of page 2 to the top of page 3 of the office action and the rejection of claims 8 - 11 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, at the top of page 3 of the office action. Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Since the foregoing amendments comply with requirements of form in the outstanding office action, i.e., the objection to the specification, the objection to claims 2 - 16 and the rejection of claims 8 - 11 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, entry of this amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the specification, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter are requested.

In view of the cancellation of claim 12, the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing the features of claim 12 is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 2 - 16 and the rejection of claims 8 - 11 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are requested.


Applicant notes the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 - 16. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, entry of this amendment and

favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1151.41006X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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